

II. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

As part of the planning process the Parks and Recreation Committee interviewed user groups, distributed and tabulated a questionnaire to Hollywood Park Households, conducted research regarding park and facility standards and compiled the results. After analysis of these results, the Committee has prepared parks and recreation service goals with specific objectives for each goal, including time period for the plan from public involvement, inventory and needs.

Goal 1

To provide a balanced system of developed parks, open space, greenways and trails for present and future Town residents. The system should be accessible by all and designed to fulfill resident needs, and to preserve and enhance the quality of the Town's environment at a reasonable cost in fees and taxes.

Objectives

- a. Provide within the next five years for accomplishment of projects directed to meet the recreational needs listed in the Parks Master Plan.
- b. Develop a walking trail system that connects parks and greenways to neighborhoods, community amenities and commercial areas located at the edge of the city on Voigt Road, Donella and Mecca, as well as and linkages between parks and other activity areas.
- c. Preserve through acquisition or dedication all drainage ways for use as open space, the trail systems and wildlife corridors.
- d. Incorporate environmentally and visually sensitive areas into open space or special preserves.
- e. Cooperate with other entities in planning, protecting, and managing public open space, and in providing access to parks and commercial areas.
- f. Promote the acquisition and development of appropriately located parks, park facilities, greenways and walking trails.
- g. Provide well-designed recreational facilities that can be flexible in response to changing demographics, support diverse community interests, and accommodate the needs of special groups such as senior citizens, people with physical or mental disabilities, and youth.

- h. Review and/or update the Parks Master Plan at least every two (2) years and develop a new plan in five (5) years to ensure the plan is implemented and that appropriate acquisition of new sites for parks is accomplished and to respond to the changing needs of residents.
- i. Strive to achieve a ratio of 2.5 acres of developed parkland for every 1,000 people in the Town of Hollywood Park. This should result in approximately 2 acres of Neighborhood Park land/1,000 people and 0.5 acres of Pocket Park land/1,000 people.
- j. Acquire or set aside land for neighborhood parks and pocket parks in addition to the open space and greenway areas.
- k. Provide neighborhood parks such that all residences are within 1 mile or less of a neighborhood park.
- l. Provide for the minimum size of a neighborhood park to be 2.5 acres and for each neighborhood park to be linked to the community walking trail system.
- m. Provide Pocket Parks to serve residents within a one-half mile radius such that all residents are within a one-half mile radius of a pocket park or a neighborhood park.
- n. Provide for the minimum size of pocket parks to be 0.5 acre and for each pocket park to be linked to the community walking trail system.

Goal 2

Provide recreation facilities and open space that meet the needs of all age groups.

Objectives

- a. Upgrade existing facilities such as those at Voigt Park that are in high demand, and provide new park and recreation facilities for desired activities not currently provided for.
- b. Use existing drainageways as open space areas and corridors within the walking trail system.

Goal 3

To protect environmentally sensitive lands and provide for coexistence of wildlife and residents of the Town of Hollywood Park.

Objective

- a. Make use of existing drainageways for walking trails while protecting them as open space in their natural state to the extent that is practicable for people and wildlife.

Goal 4

To pursue strategies that will generate sufficient revenue to provide a realistic level of funding to meet the parks and recreation needs.

Objectives

- a. Create a non profit parks and recreation foundation for the purpose of raising funds and receiving gifts of money and property.
- b. Pursue donations and grants to the parks and recreation foundation as well other sources of funding to supplement the limited general fund source that may be made available.
- c. Continue the existing user-fee structure for swimming pool and Voigt Center to recover a reasonable percentage of the cost of operating these facilities.
- d. Pursue establishment of a venue sales tax to fund parks and recreation improvements as well as maintenance of parks, facilities and trails.